

**PATENT**

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Applicant(s) : Sprey et al.  
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For : METHOD AND  
INSTALLATION FOR  
ETCHING A SUBSTRATE  
Group Art Unit : 1763  
Class/Sub-Class : 156-345110  
Examiner : Sylvia MacArthur

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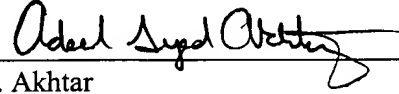
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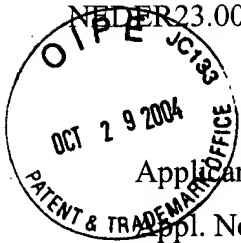
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the finding of the pending claims to be allowable. In the Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner stated that the "prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a system of etching a substrate wherein the wall of the auxiliary chamber and the piping system upstream of the auxiliary chamber are each formed of different materials."

Applicants assume that, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner has stated some, but not all, of the reasons for allowance of the claims and that, as a result, the statements discussed above do not necessarily relate to or completely set out the reasons for allowance of each and every claim. For example, Applicants submit that the claims depending from Claims 15

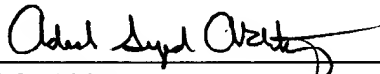
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and 28 recite additional limitations distinguishing the art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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